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(*b*) the number of demand notices sent;

(*c*) the number of cases in which lands have been sold for arrears of land revenue; and

(*d*) the extent of the lands sold?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The information required is given in the statement laid on the table.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know whether the member is in a position to give the amount of sale proceeds in the various taluks of the State for 1109?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No, I am not in a position to say that. That information was not called for.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): I find in the Appendix that, in 1109, 208 acres of land were sold for collecting Rs. 45,000 in the Karunagapally taluk. Whereas in 1108, 66 acres were sold for the collection of Rs. 54,000. May I know the reason for such a wide difference?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The first part of the statement deals with land tax that fell in arrears. It may be that the tax was paid before the sale was conducted in a large number of cases.

Idiki Hydro-Electric Scheme.

86. ***MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a scheme showing the possibility of starting Hydro-Electric works at Idiki in the Periyar river;

(*b*) if so, when it was received;

(*c*) whether, before the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme was settled, this was considered;

(*d*) whether they have considered the scheme in all its aspects;

(*e*) whether they propose to investigate the scheme; and

(*f*) whether it would be feasible to link on this with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Works?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 25-4-1932.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) This can be considered after the completion of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

(*f*) Yes.

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* *Vide* Appendix

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MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : With reference to part (*b*), may I know whether the Pallivasal scheme was settled only after the both schemes were investigated ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There was no special investigation. The Government considered the possibility of both the schemes.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know whether the two schemes were considered by any expert ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Then who decided that the Pallivasal scheme is superior to the Idiki scheme ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government did not decide it was superior.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know the quantity of electricity that could be developed at Pallivasal and at Idiki ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It was not investigated.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Am I to understand that the Pallivasal scheme was not investigated ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Pallivasal scheme was investigated ; but the other scheme was not investigated.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : What is the amount of energy that could be developed at Pallivasal ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know whether the Pallivasal scheme was decided upon by casting lots or by any other means ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government selected the Pallivasal scheme.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : What were the reasons for selecting the Pallivasal scheme in view of the fact that there was another scheme before Government ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : There was no special reason.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Am I to understand that no expert opinion was called for ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Expert opinion was called for for the Pallivasal scheme.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Who was that expert ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The Electrical Engineer.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know whether the Chief Engineer at the time was an Electrical expert ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Was he consulted ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I believe so.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*: Was he shown the Idiki scheme?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information before me to show whether the particular scheme was placed before him.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): With reference to part (*d*), may I know what is the initial cost for the Pallivasal scheme and for the Idiki scheme?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The comparative merits of the two have not been considered.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Then what is the meaning of the answer "yes" ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It was considered whether Government should take up the Pallivasal scheme or the Idiki scheme. Government chose the Pallivasal scheme.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Am I to understand that there is no meaning in the answer that it was considered in all its aspects ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government considered both the schemes and selected one.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the present Chief Engineer, who is said to be an expert in Electrical matters, has made any recommendation to the Government with regard to the Idiki Hydro-Electric scheme ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It has not been investigated.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Has he made any recommendation either for investigating it or for working it up ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): He has stated that the scheme might be investigated.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Am I to understand that it is not to be taken up for immediate investigation or for investigation only after the Pallivasal scheme has been worked out ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, only after the Pallivasal scheme is completed.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know how many years it will take for the Pallivasal scheme to be completed ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is hoped that, by the end of 1936, the scheme will be completed.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Am I to understand from the member that necessary electric power will be given from that period ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is hoped so.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): In answer to part (*f*), it is stated that it would be feasible to link on Idiki Electric Scheme with the Pallivasal Electric works. What does Government mean by that?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): When the Pallivasal scheme is complete, it is possible to link the two schemes.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Am I to take it that, after the completion of the Pallivasal scheme, the Idiki Electric scheme will be linked-up with it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the initial cost of working out the second stage of the Pallivasal scheme could be reduced by taking up the investigation of the Idiki scheme?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know what is the difficulty for Government to investigate the Idiki scheme immediately?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is only after the Pallivasal scheme is complete that the other scheme could be taken up.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Thodupuzha* cum *Devicolm*): Have the Government considered the initial cost of investigating it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is not considered necessary at this stage.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the Government are prepared to lease out the lands either for companies or private individuals to work up the Idiki Electric scheme?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether, when the two schemes were before Government, they considered the financial possibilities of both the schemes, weighed them and then gave preference to one of the schemes?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): To speak correctly, there were not two schemes before Government. There were only two ideas.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know what we are to understand when the member says that there were not two schemes but only two ideas?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The question was whether the Government should develop electric power from Pallivasal or from Idiki. It was decided that power may be extracted from Pallivasal.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : In answer to part (*b*), it is seen that the report about the possibility of starting electric works at Idiki was received on 25-4-1932. May I know whether Government have considered the financial possibility of that scheme before carrying out the Pallivasal electric works?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The financial implication of the Pallivasal scheme could be found out only after a detailed scheme is prepared. Such details were not prepared for the Idiki and so the financial comparison was not made.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know why, in such an important matter where a huge investment is necessary, the Government did not investigate into the details of the comparative merits and then launch the scheme?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : The Government member said that there were only two ideas ; and in spite of that the member is repeating the word 'scheme'. May I know if that is in order?

PRESIDENT : That is only a paraphrase of the word 'idea'.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : The printed answer furnished to us gives 'schemes'. That is to be trusted more than the oral answer.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : I may be permitted to make a statement in this connection. In view of the previous answers given by Government relating to the Pallivasal scheme, the answers now given by the official member are highly misleading and incorrect. There was a particular reason why Government fixed upon the Pallivasal scheme. That was explained to the members of this House in 1107 just before the scheme was launched upon. There was an agreement entered into between the K. D. H. P. Company and Government under which the Government was bound to take it up lest its rights to start such a scheme would be altogether lost. Idiki could wait, but Pallivasal could not. I think, that was the reason for investigating the Pallivasal scheme. If the Government member had referred to those answers in answering this interpellation, he would not have committed all these mistakes. He ought to have studied the previous history on this subject. I am very sorry to observe that the answers are highly misleading and are given on the spur of the moment without looking into the records.

PRESIDENT : I am sorry for the Government member.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Am I to take it, Sir, that the Idiki idea will not be taken up for consideration at all?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : That will be considered after the Pallivasal scheme is over.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know who brought forward this Idiki scheme, whether an official or a non-official?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : One Mr. John, a non-official.

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